

Portland, Oregon, Dec. 5, 1877.

Col. De Ahna

U.S. Collector

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear sir:

Your letter of 24th ult.
Came last night, & I have time
only to acknowledge it.

You are opening the way for
Schools in Sitka. And I
have no doubt that I can
find the Teachers. But it
may consume more time than
we suppose. The way is long,
& much correspondence may
be required.

With great respect

Your friend & servant,

J. L. Lindsley

Chairman Executive Com. of the
Synod of the Columbia.

Coelo Springs. Dec. 5th 77.

Dear Bro. Jackson

I have not heard from you with reference to Monument. Bro. Owen is not able to take charge, tho' he may be able to live at Cañon and supply them. Bro. Shaffer was at Monument and preached for them last Sab. Had a crowded schoolhouse both morning & eve.

Thanks' giving evening the sociable
of our ch. met at our house.

The room was crowded with a merry
company, & just before refreshments
were announced Bro. Lenox in a brief
speech presented the undersigned
with a fine overcoat, which was so
unexpected as to completely overcome
him. He responded however in an am-
barrassed way. On trying the depth

This is the way they have been treating
us ever since we came among
them. The Lord bless them richly.

I want to give you the following item
for your paper. I will give you the
particulars. As I was in Ohio I
was asked to preach the first Sab. after
my arrival in what was formerly my
father's pulpit. Sister told me it was
announced the previous Sab. that a

After the sermon he called for the collection without a word in behalf of the cause. Collection \$9.⁷⁵ I am perfectly acquainted with the people and know they ought & might have given over fifty dollars if the facts had been put before them & an appeal made.

In private conversation I found both this pastor and his people indifferent to the evangelisa-

ning. Fountain has only the Bapt.
tist Bro. every two weeks. There is
no M.E. minister in that part of
the Co. This is the third letter
I have ^{written} you about these fields. Can
I not have an answer soon??

of his pockets he discovered an envelope
containing \$20.00 for Mrs. S. After the
company had withdrawn we found one
corner of the kitchen filled with pack-
ages of groceries, rolls flour, order for
1000 lbs. coal & other things too numerous
to specify -

collection for Home Missions would be
called for. So I prepared to give a
Home Mission sermon or speech. But
when I arrived at the ch. the pastor
objected to my preaching H.M. saying
his people "knew their duty well
enough."

tion of our country. This is not the
only ch. & pastor who are feeble in
their sympathies & support of our grand
cause. — Put the above into your own
words & use it if it will do any good.
With Remembrances to Mrs Foster children
Yours H. B. Gage.



Des Moines Iowa
Dec 5th 1877

Hon W. B. Allison

Dear Sir,

This will introduce
Rev. Sheldon Jackson Esq of Denver.
Col. who visits Washington in the
interests of the Indian missionary
work. His experience in this
work will enable him to afford
you reliable and valuable informa-
tion. I commend Mr Jackson
to your confidence and ask
for him a patient hearing on the
subject that calls him to Washington

Yours Truly
Josiah Given

My Dear Bro. Jackson;

I've just a letter in hand from Mrs. McLewis of the ch. of the Covenant, N.Y. informing me that Thanksgiving day she shipped two Bibles to my address, by express, in your care. Please look out for them. He don't want to lose them. The express Agt. in New York didn't believe bushy country existed. He might just as well believe I didn't exist. Well, you haven't any such a foolish belief. You know where bushy country is; & you know where Trilowick is. Very well. I told Mrs. Lewis she sent her Bible in good care. So look out for your reputation.

Blessed be God. Work still prospers here in bushy country. We are now moving actively for two new

church buildings. God helping, we hope to have work finished before the close of my first year. Have you still that model of the Longmont church. Would you loan it to us here? Believe it's just the plan for Rosita; Ula also. Nothing like planting Presbyterian temples in these mountains. They are Gospel temples & not something else.

Up to this date the church here are only about thirty dollars behind in salary. You see therefore they have a will to work. We have a Session made up of three elders & two deacons. All good men. Very best of men.

Our ladies are now at work for a childrens Fair. Proceeds are to go for the benefit of Sab. School. Our School was organized four months ago. We have now eighty members. And still we grow. We

are in need of a library. This pair
will secure it. Believe it will se-
cure us one hundred vols. Of
course Bro. Irwin will help one
half if we send him \$25. Already
we have expended over fifty dol.
for hymn books, &c. And so by
God's blessing we go right on.

Fraturnally yours in Christ
H. P. Trilowark

Rosita, Colorado
Dec. 7th - 1877

Portland, Or., Dec. 7, 1877.

Rev. S. Jackson D.D.

Denver, Col.

Dear Brother:

Rev. H. Stratton, now at Boise City, has forwarded to me for answer your letter of inquiry about our Synod. I will respond in part tonight.

The Executive Committee (including Home Missions) is composed of

Rev. E. R. Geary D.D., Eugene City, Or.

Rev. J. R. Thompson, Olympia, W. T.

Hon. J. M. Reed

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Gen. E. B. Babbitt, Portland, Or.

And the undersigned, who is also Chairman.

This is the Committee of several years' standing.

No Woman's Synodical Com. was appointed. Only one female delegate, Mrs. Geary, appeared from abroad.

I hope to answer other inquiries in a few days.

I am about to enlarge the work in Alaska. God is rewarding the watching & the prayer of years, in a remarkable manner.

If it be inconvenient to cash the enclosed Draft \$50⁰⁰, return it & I will give you an order on the Board. Faithfully yours, A. S. Lindsey.

Rev. H. J. Cole

Dear Sir

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Brother

The papers from Board of Church Extension came last night. Brother Blythe brought them to me from Cway; he is on his way east. will be absent two months;

The Board granted \$600⁰⁰

I am rejoiced to know that the money will soon be here, Mr. Munro has not showed the right spent. Claims it is because time are so hard but

even thing will be as
soon as the \$600⁰⁰ comes.

H. F. North is one among
thousands. he is a noble
christian man.

best regards to family
yours in Christ

Geo. M. Denny.

COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Cheyenne, Wyo., December 8th 1877.

Dear Brother Jackson;

I write to ask a little favour of ^{you} on behalf the interests of the Presbytery. The next meeting of the General Assembly is to be held in Pittsburg Pa. Now our brother Cochrick has several influential friends and relations there and I wish you would use your influence to have him appointed to that body at our next meeting of Presbytery. I hope to be at Fort Benton at that time building a Church "a la" Pueblo, or I should engineer the matter myself. I think brother Cochrick could do important work there for the Presbytery, and his recent trip to the North would advantage him much. I will write you further about Ft Benton, yours in the Gospel

W. E. Hamilton.

Fort Wrangel Alaska,
Dec 10th

Rev Sheldon Jackson S.D.

Dear Brother

The time has again come round for me to write concerning our work.

We are expecting the California tomorrow when I hope to hear from you & also from the Board.

It seems strange to me that things should move so slowly. It is now almost the middle of the fifth month since I left Portland. I not a word of any kind has been heard from the Board. How much I wish those brethren could be here a little while that they

might see the importance
of the work. & how strange
it seems that God has laid
Philip aside just when he
seemed to be so much needed.
He is still confined to his
bed. - Indeed I think he
has failed rapidly in the
last few days. I don't
think he will ever get up
again. - Yet he has been
better & worse so often
that he may rally again,
& possibly be about. But
I think it is exceedingly
doubtful. Truly "God moves
in a mysterious way -
A large load of Philip's friends
came from Fort Vancouver
two weeks ago. One of them
Philip's brother, Mr. Crosby
sent a letter with him,
saying he could take Philip's
place if I wished. But

when I come to find out
he is not a preacher, &
I cannot read. So of course
could not help me in
school. Mr Crosby said
he "did not know much
about him, But that he
was not such a good boy
as Philip. - I cannot under-
stand what help Mr C.
thought he could be doing
I did ^{not} employ him as an
assistant. Indeed I have
not seen any of the Fort
Pimpor boys that I would
care to have in my school.
None that I have seen can
be compared to Philip either
in education or piety.

Every thing has been very quiet
^{and} peaceable among our Indians
here. There has been a little
trouble. & both times arose
from the officiousness of

these boys. My school has in-
creased wonderfully lately.
I now have over one hundred
names on my roll. & between
20 & 30 in attendance. I find
it very hard work, yet I
get a long pretty well, &
I think I never loved a
school so much as I do
this one, & I don't know
whether I would be willing
to give it up or not. I am
astonished at the good order
we have. Today I had
74 indians crowded into
that little room - But there
was no confusion - But
perfect order & order.
But there is so much other
work to be done. I try
to do every thing I can. But
I feel every day that I

must have much undone,
Monday Dec 17th The Steamer
arrived Saturday morning
bringing me among others
your two letters of Nov 7
& Nov 16th, I am not
fit to write today - hav-
ing been sick in bed
four days. I have been
troubled with a severe
cold for some time, but
thought every day I would
be better, & would not
give up to stay away
from school. But
Wednesday I was taken
suddenly very sick in
school. Had to dismiss the
scholars at once & had
hard work to get home.
Have been real sick since.
But am now better. I
left the school as it now
is. is too hard work
for me - with every

thing else ^{to} do. As soon
as there can be any person
sent to take the school
then I can have the
women a part of each
day - & then I will have
time & strength to visit
them more in their
houses which could
accomplish so much
for these poor women.
I have only seen Philip
once since I wrote the
first pages of this letter
but he sends me word
he is a great deal better.
He was delighted at get-
ting your letters & pic-
tures. (I too am much
obliged for the photos
&c. &c. I would like the
little girls pictures if you
can spare them.)
Philip's Brother & Father
have been fixing up

up a room for him to move ⁽⁷⁾
into so he will not have
to pay rent. He has sent
me word that he must
have a stove. Mr Van-
derbilt was up this morn-
ing - I talked to him about
it - He says he can get me
one for \$18. So I suppose
I will have to get it.
I received a letter this
mail from a lady in
Freeland Ohio. saying
the young ladies in their
church had prepared
a box for Philip which
would be sent in a
few days. She sent a
check for \$15. to pay
freight. (I don't think
it will be enough) I am
sorry the box did not
come this steamer. No
doubt there will be
things in it that would

I see in my writing today
 I left this page, so I now come
 back to fill it. I have made
 out these statements. Hope
 I have done it as you wish
 & also hope you may be able
 to induce some society
 to send me the money. I am
 going to enclose \$1. worth of
 postage stamps in this let-
 ter for which I want you
 to send "The Rocky Mountain
 Presbyterian" to Mrs J. D. Farrell
 Sterling, Kansas. Let it commence
 with January. She is my sister
 & I want to send it to her
 as a Christmas gift. I have
 made out these reports
 & hope they are the way
 you want them. I am
 ashamed of the writing in part
 of this letter but you must re-
 member I am sick. I hope
 to hear from you soon.
 Yours in Christian Love
 A. R. McFarland

add much to his Comfort.
Now I want to tell you
something. I don't know
whether you will approve
or not of what I did.
You know when I came
here there was no books
furnished me but those
old books that was
collected in Portland.
(scarcely two of them likely)
So rather than labor
under this difficulty
I sent with Mr Can-
dlish for a lot of books
they cost \$28. I sold a
few of them but of
course had to give
the most of them
away. This mail I recei-
ved \$5. from a little
Mission Band at Blum-
ms Grove. This I thought
I would appropriate
to help pay for the books.

Then I received a letter
from a young lady a
Grand Rapids Michigan
saying she could do very
little But that she was
much interested in the
mission & if she could
buy a package of books
or any other little
thing to help me she
would be happy to do
so. I have written her
telling her about buying
these School Books &
have said to her that
if she feels like furn-
ishing me a part of the
money it would be
thankfully received.
Tell me if there is any
thing wrong about me
doing this. I felt I would
much rather buy the
books myself than do
without them, yet

(18)
It does not seem to me
that it will be wrong
to have the money re-
turned to me if friends
are disposed to do so.
I have not written of
this matter to Dr. Leidsy
I don't think he wou
ld have approved of
my buying the book.
One thing troubles me
a little. I fear there
may be a little fric-
tion between him & Dr.
Leidsy about the little
school, & I would sug-
gest that you don't
take any steps in the
matter without con-
sulting the Dr. He has
written me that he
is in correspondence
with Col. Ainsworth.
& that the way was
opening up grandly for

teachers⁽¹¹⁾ for Sitka.
I hope you have re-
ceived the Check. I re-
turned to you last mail
for endorsement. In reference
to publishing my letters, I of course
don't write them for publi-
cation. I have no objections
to them being used if it will
advance the interests of the
Mission. I would prefer that
you fit them up as you think
best. I my letter published in
Nov paper there is one mistake
It is in reference to the feeling
of the Chiefs about going to hear
a Chinook (Indian) preach.
They think they would be low-
ering their position to do so,
(not "honouring it") I believe I did
not tell you above that I
have had to buy a stove for my
room. It was so cold with the fire
place that I could not endure
it. The stove with pipe cost
eleven dollars (\$11.00)

New York, Dec 10th 1877

To the

Honorable Secretary of the
Department of the Interior
Washington D.C.

Com + Dear Sir

Last June a petition was sent to us by the Citizens of St. Wrangell, Alaska pleading for a School and Teachers.

The plea was so urgent that Dr Sheldon Jackson Superintendent of our Mission and Educational work in the Territories visited Alaska.

We found no schools in all that section except the form of one at Wrangell, taught by an uneducated Native of British Columbia. So great was the desire to learn to read and speak the English language, that even such a school averaged over 50 pupils during last winter, principally adults.

Dr Jackson at once organized a good school and left an efficient teacher in charge.

Since then we have had applications from various sections of that Alaska for similar schools.

We are willing to do this and cooperate with your Department in building up at the several central points of population in Alaska Industrial Schools, where in addition to the rudiments of an English Education, the men shall be taught the Carpenter & other industrial pursuits; and the women sewing, cooking, housekeeping, nursing, &c.

To give efficiency to this wise & humane policy of the Government, it would be wise to ask an appropriation of \$_____ to be disbursed under the direction of the Hon. Commissioner of the Bureau of Education. Dept. of the Interior.

We respectfully enclose an account of items.

Very Truly Yours -

Henry H. H. H.
B. L. H.
Cyrus Dickson

Colo. Springs, Dec. 12.

Dear Bro. Jackson

I was down at Fountain and preached 3 times last Sat. & Sab. There are nine Presbyterians at the village, and all the service they have is one Baptist sermon every other week, with a quaker meeting every Sab. which has ceased to be a novelty, and probably never edified, (it certainly did not give even truth last Sab.) Mrs. G. was with me and our eldest daughter, and we called on all on Sat. and Mond. Have agreed to give them a communion service in two weeks. They are anxious while the

field is unoccupied, to have regular
Pres. services commenced. The
Methodists have withdrawn for the
present. The Congregationalists
would like to occupy the appointment
as they would also Monument -

Well, the Fountain People say that
if we can send them an accept-
able man they will do well by him.
They have been so long with only
such chance lab. as I could give
them that they are not well enough
united to pledge any exact amount -
One man gave \$50.00 last year to the
support of the M.E. & Bap. preachers -
and he is the most able man in the place.

The Campbellites have done much
harm there and on the creek. They
make a fair start and soon cease
to have even preaching. They baptised
a good many & then forsook the field.
Can we do anything for them or not?

We are all well, and engaged in
the Temperance work -

Miss Gage joins in much love
to you & yours

Yours Truly,

Henry B. Gage

Colorado Springs

Dec. 13th 1877.

My Dear Dr. Jackson.

I went down to
Canon City & preached here Sabbath at
the earnest solicitation of Elder Brew-
ster. Your kind recommendation prepared
the people for my coming & they man-
-nfully invited me to become their pastor.
I stayed for one year with a view to a
call in the spring in case my health
should be good. My cough was better
while there but from some cause or other
over-excitement or over exertion - I was
taken down last Friday with the chill
- fever - not malarial but produced
by nervous excitement, & I have
had them every day since. In conse-
- quence of this my Doctor says that
I cannot commence work before

April 1st & possibly May 1st It will
depend on the manner in which I
improve. I am greatly disappointed -
I am so ^{is} going to go to work. My
opinion ^{is} that by April 1st I could
safely commence work. There is not
a better climate than that of Canon
City in Colo. for invalids, & I think I could
do some good there. The Episcopal Church
is closed - people have left - Episco. Com-
m. only has preaching once in four weeks, (Sun.
2d. M. Luther. Land. Presbyterians & the
Methodist Churches are the only ones
in town in which ^{there are} regular services. Bro.
Smith only preached once a day & our people
do not ask for more than one service. House
rent is very high - scull. I could grind
but one horse fit to ^{be} used at \$18 per month.
I had large audiences & the most
intelligent people in town. The people
seemed very anxious for me to come
& I would have commenced regular
work there on Sun. 1st but for this illness.

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Rev. Brewster will be greatly influenced
by what you say & the people look
to him & usually follow his advice.
If you were to advise him to wait
until April I think he would do so.

And you could send them a good
supply for four or five months until
I am able to commence work I
should be greatly obliged. Several
of the ladies said they would wait
until spring but Rev. Brewster
opposes it as a pastor & I do not
think he will advise the people to
wait & then will be apt to do as he
says. I only wish the place could
be kept open for me until Spring.
Please do what you can for me
in this matter. I know of no place
in town I could have the prospect
of doing so much work with so good
a chance for my recovery. I leave
the matter in your hands, do the
best you can for me. Truly

now the way is dark & God is leading me
blindfold - I know He will never
leave nor forsake me.

My Doctor says if I do not
commence work to soon I have in all
probability many years of labor before
me, & much back conscientious labor
in this matter.

Please write me soon
Yours fraternally
H. J. Owen

South Pueblo Dec. 13th 1877

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother

News from Washington was duly received - Mr Owen preached for us at Canon the last three sabbaths, and our people had arranged to have him remove from Col Springs to Canon and, for the present to preach but once each sabbath hoping that he could soon be able to do more - I came on the Cars with him on Monday last from home and from what I then saw of his condition I am quite confident he is not able to preach even one sermon, and should not at present attempt it - With care and a total release from pulpit labor, he may improve in health so as to do some labor next Spring and Summer. When I left him it was with the understanding that we would wait a few days before filling out an application to the Board for aid for him - Mr Owen himself wished

to consult his physician and express
his fears that he would have to give
up his labors for the present at least -
I shall hear from him or see him in
a day or two - I ^{received a} line from Mr Bliss
yesterday, informing me that a good man
from Penn^a. now in Denver can be
sent to Canon, ~~and~~ I have written him
just how we are situated, and that in
a few days we could decide definitely,
but that probably we would want him

Yours fraternally

J K Brewster

The Maase
Andermans Bay
Dunedin, Otago,
14th Dec'r 1877

My dear Dr. Jackson

I advised you some
months ago of my change
of address but as my paper
continues to be addressed to
Riverton I suppose my letter
must have miscarried.

I have read with admiration
the accounts of your journey
over the mountains in order
to the planting of a gospel
ministry in centres of population.

that are spiritually destitute
& feel that the age of Apostolic
fervour & Christian heroism
has not yet passed. Long
may you be spared & be greatly
strengthened for the work
you ~~now~~ have to do, & the Lord
give you abundant encouragement
in it -!

We are expecting a visit from
Dr. Somerville who has been
holding evangelistic meetings
in for some months past in
various parts of Australia. He
will be followed by Mr. Warley
who intends I believe to spend
a few weeks with us. Earnest
Prayer is ascending for special

Manifestations of the Divine
presence & power.

Did you ever receive a
paper from any of the
Melbourne Ministers on the
Church in Victoria? If not
I could send you a sketch
of its history & condition
As I ~~am~~ was for many years
in Victoria & am pretty well
acquainted with the state
of things there -

With very kind regards

Yours very sincerely

C Stuart Ross

Simarone, Mex.

Dec. 14th /77

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Dear Bro.

I have your favor of the 6th inst. was not a little surprised to hear of your being in Mex. at that time, for you were at Las only a short time previous. If you don't stop running about in that way pretty soon, we will have to set you down for a regular "tramp". The report of proceedings of Presbytery at Las has been published in the territorial press and should doubtless give much satisfaction to all who are sincerely interested in the growth of Protestantism in this Rome-beclouded region. It is especially

gratifying to know that a breach
has been made in the defences of
this Papal Strong-hold by the conver-
-sion of some of native Mexicans.

Are these conversions genuine?

It is devoutly to be hoped that those
who have professed Christ, from
among this class, may have done so
sincerely, and not through any sinister
motive. I have been reading with
considerable interest, your notes of
travel on our western Coast, pub-
-lished in the Rocky Mountain Presby-
-terian. I had neither got nor tittle of
an idea of the vastness of the "field"
that is opening up in that region,
previous to reading those letters,
nor any correct knowledge of the
physical geography of that country.
I was once within sight of the
Southern bounds of Oregon, but no
further north. Thank you for

your very kind offer of assistance. It is very opportune, for I fear I am going to need help, and need it badly, too. I have not had any official notice of my appointment, but supposing that it would come soon, I asked Dr Thomas to try to get bond for me in Santa Fe and restricted him to men who are not in any way concerned in government Contracts, Agency trade ships &c. He replied that under these restrictions, he doubted the practicability of obtaining the necessary bond.

You will readily see how essential it would be for me to be under no obligation to the class of men referred to. I do not know what amount of bond will be required but probably not less than \$1500. perhaps more. Now in case

I should fail to obtain bond in
Santa Fe, do you think you
could help me out of the difficulty
by getting surety for me in Denver

It may be that I can
secure bond in Santa Fe, by
going there to attend to it in
person, but at all events I shall
await your reply, with a good
deal of anxiety.

Very truly Yours
John C. Pyle

6. 1. 77

Handwritten text: *Handwritten text, possibly a signature or name.*

I have not had a chance of writing since Oct. 1. I have a little to say now and then written at intervals three times. I have not enough to say at this time. I have some very good news to tell.

and I get money. I do not know
how much about it. I am by no means
discouraged and I hope you will not
suppose that the cause of my discouragement
as I think it is partly - and some other
influences - and I am more anxious
to have other things of them every time I
go with four or six dollars a day 100 more
for the same reason. I am more
anxious. I cannot afford to have such
difficulties for nearly 10 months and
there is nothing without means I suppose
the difficulty will be solved then.

The world is a very large place
and I can visit. Not in reality, but in the
spiritual sense. I don't believe there
is another world in the world.

When will you be here? We shall
be very glad to see you.

Very truly,
Henry W. Brown

Alaska

Memorial Hall, Allegheny, Pa.
Dec 15, '77.

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Friend,

Your letter arrived last Mon.
Mr. McClellan & myself
rejoice at the prospect
of the door being opened.
We will await the
action of the Board with
some anxiety, & a good
deal of hope that they
will send us to the
field upon which we
have set our hearts.

Upon the receipt of
your letter we immedi-
ately procured medical

books & have vigorously
commenced their study.

We work together & will
devote three hours per day
to this missionary prepa-
ration. We have also
sent for "Alaska & its
Resources" & are bending
all our ^{spare} efforts & our reading
to this one object.

You spoke of
a Chinook Dictionary.
How can we procure it?

Will it be best
for us to write personal-
ly to the Sec. of the Board?

If appointed how soon
will we probably be
required to go to our
field?

Any hints or di-
rections you can give us
or put us in the way

of getting, we will very
thankfully receive. We
wish to waste no
time in misdirected
effort.

Please write.

Yours - X;

S. Hall Young.

N. Med. Sem. Allegheny City, Pa, Dec 13, 1877.

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother

Your letters of the
10th set Bro. Young and myself to work
and we are in the receptive mood for
any and every sort of information that will
fit us for an intelligent entrance upon our
proposed work. We have sent for the book
on Alaska of which you spoke and are
reading Physiology and Therapeutics. We earnestly
pray that since the Master has blessed us with
a will to go that the way may open in
due time so that we may labor under no
uncertainty in our preparation. Pray for us
that the Cross and the glad tidings of Christ
may find in us such heralds as will never
falter or fail in love to Christ and for all for whom
He shed his blood. I think Mr Y. has written to
you making certain inquiries. Any thing you may be
pleased to say to either of us will be common

stock and will be most gratefully
received, At Seminary Chapel on
Thursday morning Alaska was the
subject of prayer and conference,
there is a greater interest here in
the field of the wide west than
I have ever known before,

your brother in Christ
H. Z. McLelland,

Pueblo, Colorado,
Dec. 16, 1877.

Rev. Shelden Jackson,

My Dear Friend:

I hope you will not be surprised to hear from me; occasionally I feel compelled to say or ask something concerning our church.

As you are well aware our church has been dead, in a spiritual sense, for more than two years - about all we did was in maintaining an organization, which did not increase in point of numbers or increased its sphere of usefulness in the Master's vineyard. Of course this has not been all the Pastor's fault, it can be nearly all laid to the coldness and indifference in spiritual matters of our own church members. Giving the past

over the hard times have been severely felt in all the churches of this place, and as nearly all our members are only in moderate circumstances, and had to depend on meagre salaries and day's work for a living, this addresses in a measure has resulted no doubt from it.

Since Bro. Holm came last April, he has prayed and worked to build up a better feeling and to get the church on a better basis for work, but could do but little in accomplishing his purpose.

The church seemed to enjoy the clubs as generally held in this community the past summer; a few of our male members were off for the summer and others were talking of leaving for other fields to live in. Finally the Rolling mill project was talked of and since its location at this place

Lowell St., Howitzer
London

Englewood, Illinois
Dec. 18th 1877.

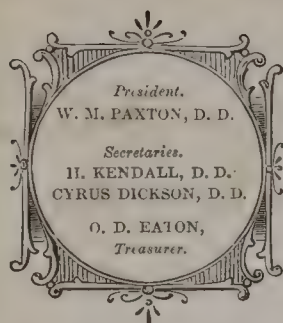
Dr. J. H. Brown
Presby. Board of
Protestant Missions
Washington City
D. C.

Dear Sir:
Gen. J. H. Brown
Chief Commissioner of Indian
Affairs, has kindly given in my
name for a position under the
jurisdiction of your Board of
Missions. I presume his name
is ample in point of reference,
that if others are required I
can furnish them. In reference
to some of my attainments, I
have to say, I speak French and
Spanish; in the latter I have a

Beide rusty, as our sword has
been out of practice for the
past four or five years. I can, with
great ease pick it up again.
I have been teaching the lan-
guage for the past two years.
I thank myself. I possess all
the other requirements, neces-
sary to fulfill duties, & actively, the
various duties, which would be
imposed upon me. Hoping to
hear from you at no distant
date, I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully
Yours, Will-Will-
Ed. Geo. F. Hollister.

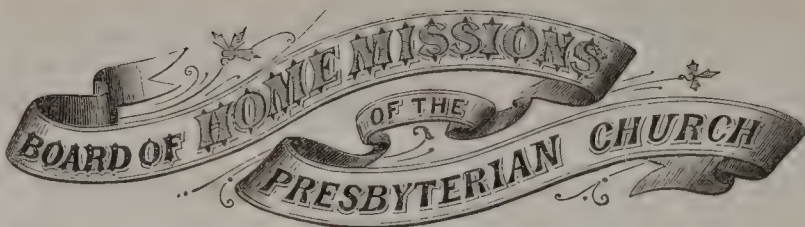
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Treasurer.



P. O. Box 3863.

No. 23 Centre Street.

New York, Dec. 18. 1876

Rev. Sheldor Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother-

I like that
last proposition much
better. Henderson would be
surely down in New-Mexico.
2. That I suppose let you out
for Southern Utah.

We have a capital letter from
McMillan about Mr. Pleasant.
And now about that trip &
all your trip I have this to
say - Make you stay longer.
Why you didn't stay here
long enough for us to get
over the surprise before you
were gone! I intended to
talk with you about Long-
mont & Fort Collins being

grouped - & I wanted to know
about the Rev at Gurley
over Thompson - but absolutely
they never came to mind
till you were gone.

Then you ought to have
spent four weeks in Mon-
tana when you were up
there last summer. You ought
to have spent a Sabbath
with each of our mission-
aries there. So generally -
you must see men of
the people - they must know
you & you must hear their
tale.

And now if you go to South-
ern Utah - stay long enough
to form a sound judgment
on the case over & above the
"high falutin'" of the names & the
newspaper give it to us all
in full. Kind regards to Madam
& the girls. Yours truly R. K. Mendenhall

Colorado
Canon City,^N
Dec 27

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Bro.

Our Church celebrated
Communion last night
last Dec 17. The les-
sons had fifteen
(15) Applications for
admission. We re-
ceived (12) people
into our Commu-
nion. Three (3) being
detained from the
Church by sickness.
They will com-
municate Communion
of Sacrament No^o. 11
by letter when by
Profession and

Among the Denominations contributing to our Fund at this time are the U. P. Ch. The Congregational Methodist & Presby. Ch. in Canada —

You will please
note our mem-
bership is more than
fifty that we have
more than double
in numbers from
very recent - You
will ^{also} please in mind
that we now are
the fifth if not the
fourth Ch. in our
State & I understand
in December & so
Will you have
the kindness to

all your thanks for
the ^(now to people) churches, I put
us in our Real
place as this may
have set all at
great deal of trouble
— E. G. H. would
be a great mistake
to place Puffed
ahead of Common
instead of Common
ahead of Puffed —
All things considered
and Common has
been changed more
for the better in
last 14 months than
perhaps any church
in the State. "Unto
God be all the glory."
I would not state

a word of all this
but I will conclude
you ought to know
the present error

I wish I could
express our yearning
wishes & desires of
all interested that
beaten the of our year
Ceylon was with. Institution
to our country. Diff-
ficulties in many
ways from the
of the day. Even
these outside consid-
er our prospects the
loss of every branch
here, a fact far in-
cessant would have

Alfred of Dec 2nd
ago - Since I ask
you to express in
your terms that
truth that under
blessing of God our
condition has un-
dergone a great
change in the last
12 mos. - For there
is only there ever
a great mass of
trouble & miseries
be unnumbered - And
we are not done
with our growth -
Cancer has a future
and to that our
Church & my com-
mission has come
from N. Y. and

I will not accept
it until I meet
you in Denver.
I will then ex-
amine the situation of the
case & show you
what I can do.
I trust Davis will
soon be able to be
heard. I shall ex-
amine the case before
my visit to Denver
about your counsel.
I will not attempt
to explain the situation
in detail & by letter
as it will require a
conference. Yours &c
Wm. H. Smith.

Cambridge, Dec. 22nd

1848

Rev. Dr. H. A. Jackson, D. D.,
Yale University

Dear Sir,

I enclose a Mr. Drake's copy of

his ~~copy~~ from the Honorable
Highway, &c., of the Reg. in
the country, this copy is his
for the "Black & White"

the 100 dollars for two copies
of the "Rocky Mountain"

"Rocky Mountain" Please send

one copy to Mrs. Craig, Boston

the other to Mrs. Dr. Alexander,

both to this B. office. Please send

your paper. We will with

appreciation of your services,

be pleased to have you in N. York, &c., &c.,

And your own paper, also, in praying,
that "Life and Health, may be preserved
as long, & spared to prosecute
these labours for the glory of God
and the highest interests of Man."
Please acknowledge the Ministry of
the Church, and the signs & tokens,
also to your friends.

Yours truly,
Wm. McTearney, Sec.

Dec, 24th

Rev. Jackson

Sir. I write you concerning the money our Soc. has for Mrs McFarland, or if she has been supplied some other worthy woman working in the Home Field -

How shall it be sent, and to whom? I address you instead of Drs Kendall or Dickson because of having spoken to you concerning it.

Also, to suggest that should you on your return hold meetings in Pittsburgh and Allegheny that one of them, (I presume the second) be held in the latter city, during the day, to accommodate ladies out of the city.

He can send this money at any time now

Respectfully

79 Adams St
Allegheny Pa.

Mrs H. B. Payton

Alaska

\$2.00

Emma Hood.

"Hove"

White Lake, N. Y.

Dec. 24, 1877.

Rev. W. Jackson,

Dear Sir,

In answer
to your appeal in the Dec. No.
of the Rocky Mountain Presbyte-
rian for "A Christmas offering
for Alaska," please find enclosed
two dollars. With my best wish-
es, & prayers for your success,

Respectfully yours
Emma Hood,

Exo

Victoria B. C.
Dec. 26th 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Denver Col.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of Nov. 15th reached me here where I have come from Sitka to take my family up by the steamer "Californian" which sails from Portland on or about the 4th of next month and will touch here on the 6 or 7th to arrive again at Sitka on or about the 13th Jan.

I have to-day enclosed your letter to Rev. Mr. Lindley, enclosing his to you. I requested him to correspond with you and beg you to write to him, to avoid misunderstanding, and to bring about cooperation. Any teacher or teachers

arriving at Sitka will
find in me a person willing
to assist and to contribute
to the best of my abilities.
There will be no difficulty
about board or lodging
as long as I am there
myself, which depends
on the will of the Government
and the policy they will
adapt regarding Alaska.

There is neither a physician
nor a drugstore in Sitka,
and what is worse yet
there is not a semblance
of law or order or power
to enforce either.
I am going there with
my family wife and 6
children (ages between 13
and 5) trusting to Provi-
dence and in the faint

hope that our Govt will
reach some kind of
decision regarding ~~mode~~
mode of introducing
the benefits of law.

Please correspond
with Mr Lindley
and write to me at
Sotka.

I shall be very happy
to carry out any
thing proposed by either
of you two gentlemen
or by both.

Very truly yours
Henry C. De Akna

Lake City Colorado

Dec. 27th 1842.

Geo Prother,

Many containing the ~~Christmas~~
 Christmas cards for the boys.
^{renewed} please accept thank for the
 same. It is an old saying
 "that it never rains but it
 pours." Since the last letter
 I wrote to you: We have
 been more than well supply-
 ed with the necessaries of
 life: Clothing: from difent
 socities: Wood- & provision from
 the people in Lake City: & considerable
 money from difent ~~part~~ ^{part} ~~of~~ ^{when}
 you through your kindness have
 informed of our needs: we

comfortably fixed: & getting
along nicely:

on the 13th of Dec. I called a meeting
of the friends of temperance at
the Church: we organized, &
on the Evening of the 18th I
lectured to a crowded house:

84 signed the pledge: have

ever since: &

to night I lecture again:

The Church is ~~too~~ small but
it seat more than any other
building in the City 190 have
signed the Murphy pledge:

our citizens are gradually
taking a hold of the movement,
and now there is no lack
of speakers:

Bless God for the great
work he is doing in our midst.

I sent you the Silver watch
with in account of the
presenting; every night the
interest increases; all our
meetings are opened & closed
with prayer.

I begin to realize that after
all the Lord allows me to be
an instrument in his hands of
doing some good.

I am confident that the Lord &
we are a majority; & my watch
word has been through all of our
meetings "if God be for us
who can be against us."

Meeting every night: & New Year:
we give a free dinner to all
the miners, boys: Murphy will
keep Open house.

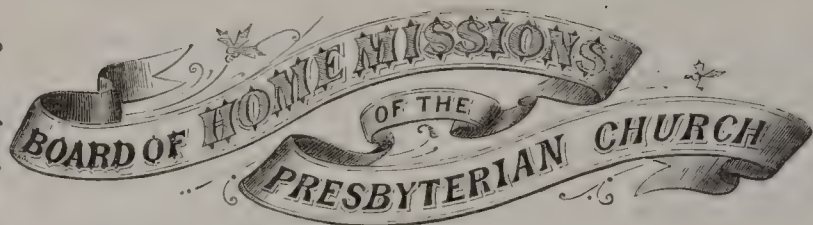
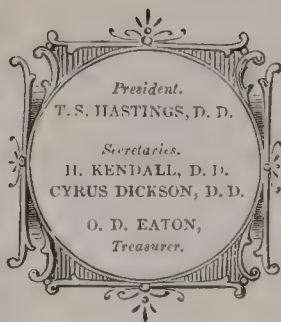
The St Saloons are closing

no business; some of the
saloon keepers don't think
as much of me as they did!
I tell them that we popes
to fight them square tooed
& that they might just as
well shut up one time as another.
To Night I lecture on the
Evils - resulting from the sale
and use of intoxicating liquors.
Some have asked me to go to Cuzco
& make them up on the temperance
question: but I am worked night
and day: & after the week of prayer
expect to preach every night.

God help his febel servant to
to the work that he has to
undertake in his Master's name.

Love to all yours in Christ

Geo. M. D. M.



P. O. Box 3863.

No. 23 Centre Street.

New York, Dec 27 1877

Rev. J. M. Darley

Dear Sir

The Board
at its late meeting, granted an
addition of (\$100.00) One Hundred
Dollars to your Commission,

Yours truly
C. D. Frye

for the Secy's

John C. By Colorado Jan 1878
Rev. William J. Gordon
Dear Brother

I thank you for the
~~success~~ you have had in the

you have succeed in securing
me on my salary.

Money for the way to church
from Board of Education received.

With God's help & the
help of the Good People
of Lake City I have
succeeded in capturing Lake
City for the cause of Temperance.
Our three hundred have signed
the pledge. & the good work
will go on every night the
church is packed full. &
I pray God that the Temperance
work may find its own
entire wage for a still
better work. I am feeling well
only a little tired. Talking so
much Temperance.

Res. D. L. L. reports.

Regards to ~~family~~ family

Yours in Christ

Wm. A. L. L.

Santa Fe, New Mexico,
December 30th 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Dear Sir:

Yours of the
26th was received this morning, ~~and~~
I hasten to reply - believing it to be
Sunday work. I write chiefly in re-
gard to my school Estimates - to ad-
vise you of my changes ~~and~~ modifica-
tions of our estimate made when you
were here. I enclose a copy of my
estimate ~~and~~ letter to the Commr, on
the subject, so that you may be well
advised of the status of the business
when you go to Washington next month.
It would require too much time to
give you all my reasons for the chan-
ges in our programme. The chief reason
is that I want to put these schools ~~now~~
into what they ought to be - want to be

sure of my man so that there need
be no failures on a large scale, nor
money wasted in large amounts. Would
rather be a long time making a
success than to make a failure in
one season. The money proposed to
be spent for the day school at Jemmy
would be so much towards the Board-
ing school as soon as the day school
developed sufficiently.

You see I have made by far the
largest estimate for the Laguna school.
This is because I know that the found-
ation is already well laid at that
place, ~~and~~ because I am sure of my
man. Please labor with the Committee.
and the Secretary of the Interior &c. &c. &c.
~~and~~ if they will not listen to talk on
the \$14,900 basis, go for less.

I was very much gratified by your
statement that Dr. Kendall is improv-
ing - was very anxious about him.

Please keep me posted on the proba-
bilities of the teacher for Jemmy coming.

in a month or two.

Our Church matters, (I am sorry to say, are getting no better very fast". The congregation, by a very slim majority, re-appointed Mr. Smith's services for another year, but I think that should a vote be taken now it would be the reverse of flattering to Mr. Smith. I advocated the retention of Mr. S. but am sorry now that I did because I have since become satisfied that it is utterly impossible for him to do any good here, and that it would be better for him to withdraw while yet there is a living root to the Church - the stalk seems to be already dead - for his successor to nourish. I am trying to raise \$500. towards his salary for the year ending Nov. 18th 1878, but it begins now to look as if I would only succeed in raising about \$400-. Many of those who have subscribed seemed to do so more because they did not like to refuse than because they wanted Mr. Smith to remain. Several

of our best subscribers decline to give anything this year. I suppose the best plan would be to plainly request Mr. Smith to attend the next General Assembly. And then conclude to not come back. He has intimated that if things do not improve, he may conclude to give up next November, but I begin to fear that will not be soon enough.

If I conclude to have a talk with Mr. Smith I will inform you of the result. It would seem that when another man is erect here he should be placed under bonds to pay back.

Ellen was pleased to get the card. She seems to me to be a very good girl.

All send best regards to you and Mrs. Jackson

Very Truly
B. M. Thomas

Englewood N. J. Dec. 31/77

Rev Dr. Jackson,
Dear Sir,

Yours of the 25th inst.
is at hand — You will
be glad with us to know
that thus ^{far} the Lord had
put it in the heart of
his minister here to
favor the proposed meeting.
I write away from
home — with my book
not at hand — But believe
the date is now fixed
(D. V.) for seven meetings,
I thus are hesitating

as to time only -

But I do hope, dear
Sir & Brother, that you
can begin work on Tuesday
Jan. 22nd - The time
is fixed then for Hackbts-
town, where the President
of our Synodical Comm^{ee},
Messrs. Dr. McCauley, living.
I would like to show
you some of his sensible,
enthusiastic letters. He
promises to go himself
(D.R.) to Morristown - &
perhaps elsewhere -

The next place is Englewood
on the 23rd Jan - This

was not the original
date proposed there -
but it meets the
convenience not as to
probable good attendance.
I am especial anxious
not to have the meetings
begin at Englewood -
because I really believe
this would not be
expedient - The 22nd
was the date mentioned
in your note to Dr. Roberts,
so I hope you may be
able to keep to it.

A "circular" to be used by

way of invitation from
the General Centre is
being printed in New-York
to save trouble, if so desired,
to the local committees of arrange-
ments - Dr. Roberts approves
of this -

While we may have in
view, so far as woman's work
goes, the securing of at least
one teacher's salary from each
centre, the great object strikes
Dr. Roberts as well as myself to
be the instruction of our peo-
ple, as to the facts of the case,
such as, by the blessing of God,
shall give an impetus to the
regular collections during the
year - & lead to more intelligent
prayer in regard to our own land.

O Thank you very
 much for the paper
 in regard to Missionary
 work among the Indians
 etc - Mrs ^{L. E.} read aloud
 this morning to me
 of my son, who is
 suffering from severe cold,
 settled in his eyes - such
 statements cannot fail
 to show the need of
 the gospel in Alaska - etc -
 all the coasts thereof -

Have you seen the
 new "Missionary Review"
 just published in Princeton

son, by Rev R. G. Wilder,
late of Kolapoor, India -
There is force in it -
He thinks work in
our own land should
be undertaken by the
Board of Home-Mission -
to be under the direction
or care of the Presbytery -
on the same principle
as governs in regard
to Home Mission Churches -

I came here quite
suddenly this afternoon,
on account of my dear
mother's serious illness -

She sends a letter like -
Please excuse this
long note - I do
believe the Lord is
guiding step by step
about your proposed
work in this Synod.
All has come about
in a way so natural.

In some way we
must raise money
enough to get about
600 copies of Rocky Mt. Pastor
at least for distribution -

also of this large "paper"
of yours, if possible -

Can you probably have
such on hand?

yes. truly & resp. ly

J. E. H. Hains

Englewood N. J.

Dec. 31/77 -

P.S. Please direct to
Elizabeth N. J. as usual -

Santo Le Am Mexico
Dec 31st 777

Dear Friend.

Your letter was rec'd
last evening - I will send to Dr
S - by first mail and hope
to be able to follow your direction
to the letter - The box sent by
Mrs Jackson arrived safely, and
was most thankfully rec'd, though
I have been slow to acknowledge
it. I am beginning to have
better prospects of success among
the people. They are still asking for a
day school. From letters rec'd from home
I learn that Mrs Spence is ready
to come but can not raise the money
and as I have to be going in debt
here to live & pay for wood, rent &c
and have not rec'd any commissary

ans

could I give an order to some party on the Board in order to raise money to bring Miss Spence and pay my indebtedness here.

You have a better idea of what the Board will do in my case than I. My friends at home fail because of vacant houses

Mr Smith has invited his congregation to spend the evening of New Years day at the parsonage. I am getting more work here than I have time for, but when Miss Spence comes I wish to visit Chama) about twenty five or thirty miles away where twenty or thirty Mexicans are studying the scriptures. I can go by stage but lack money and some one to take my place as I will continue the school for half grown and some adults -

Love to all Yours in the Work
M. E. Griffith

Sacramento Dec 31 1872.

Dear Bro Jackson -

I rec

your note on Saturday. You think I will not go to Ft. B. - Well I hope not if the hand of the Snatcher is not in it. From any human consideration, however, I know no reason why I should not - so far as expense is concerned I could get for less than Bro. Combs it willing to go for. I know the people there which is the great and true with me. Still "He holdeth the stars in his right hand." I expected to start for Colorado to day but am hindered by the sickness of Mary. I have had my excellent health, which has been so long uninterrupted, somewhat broken in upon lately. It was at first more

stration - That has past a
way and left me with rheum-
tism - but I have been in the
pulpit every Sabbath - We have
had a remarkable case of con-
version of late and our Chick
seems somewhat - aroused -

My wife joins me in love
to yourself and Mrs Jackson.
Yours in the Gospel.
Wm E Hamilton.